



Hearings Set on Animal Health Rule Changes

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MADISON – Proposed changes to some animal health, movement and trucker/dealer/market regulations will be the topic of two public hearings in September, State Veterinarian Dr. Paul McGraw announced today.

The proposed changes affect animal disease control in livestock; animal movement regulations; and clarifying regulations concerning animal truckers, dealers and markets. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection periodically revisits regulations to update them.

A summary of the proposed changes is available [online](http://datcp.wisconsin.gov) at datcp.wisconsin.gov.

The hearing schedule is:

- **Stevens Point** -- Monday, Sept. 9, 6 to 7 p.m. Portage County Public Library-Stevens Point, 1001 Main Street, Pinery Room
- **Madison** -- Tuesday, Sept. 10, 5 to 6 p.m., State Agriculture Building, Board Room (1st Floor), 2811 Agriculture Drive

Comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24. They can be submitted by email to loretta.slauson@wisconsin.gov or by mail to Loretta Slauson, DATCP-DAH, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708-8911.

Some of the proposed changes streamline animal disease traceability requirements for identification of animals moving from state to state. By and large the changes that are being made will bring the Wisconsin rule into alignment with federal regulations, state statutes and previous rule modifications to provide for clarity, flexibility and consistency.

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